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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 2047

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SUBJ: REPORTED SPLIT IN FRELIMO LEADERSHIP

REF: STATE 127379 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: IN SPITE OF MAJOR PERSONALITY DIFFERENCES WITHIN FRELIMO HIERARCHY, WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY SPLIT IN ORGANIZATION'S LEADERSHIP. AS PRESSURES CONCERNING TACTICS INCREASE, IT IS INCREASINGLY HARD TO PREDICT FUTURE. BUT FRELIMO HAS WEATHERED CONSIDERABLE ROUGH SEAS IN PAST 10 YEARS AND WILL NOT EASILY LET LEADERSHIP DISUNITY UNDO ITS SUCCESS. END SUMMARY.

2. AS THIS EMBASSY HAS REPORTED FOR NUMBER OF YEARS, FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL AND VICE PRESIDENT MARCELINO DOS SANTOS ARE TWO VERY UNLIKE INDIVIDUALS WITH WIDELY DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS. IT WOULD SEEM ALMOST INEVITABLE THAT THEY, AND INDEED OTHERS IN FRELIMO, HAVE SEPARATE VIEWS AT BOTH TACTICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL LEVEL. IN COMMENTS BEFORE CURRENT SIXTH PAN AFRICAN CONGRESS, DOS SANTOS, WHO IS LEADER OF FRELIMO DELEGATION (MACHEL IS CONFIDENTIAL

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APPARENTLY OUT OF TOWN), HINTED THAT SUCH DIFFERENCES EXIST.

HE REPORTEDLY SAID (WE HAVE NOT SEEN TEXT OF STATEMENT) THERE ARE SOME ELEMENTS WITHIN FRELIMO WHO JUST WANT THE AFRICANIZATION OF EXPLOITATION. DOS SANTOS CALLED INSTEAD FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE EXPLOITATIVE SYSTEM IN MOZAMBIQUE AND THE CREATION OF NEW ORDER BASED ON EQUALITY.

3. WE HAVE NO INDICATION, HOWEVER, THAT DIFFERENCES IN IDEOLOGY OR TACTICS HAVE LED TO DIVISION OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE WITHIN FRELIMO LEADERSHIP GENERALLY OR BETWEEN MACHEL AND DOS SANTOS SPECIFICALLY. OUR SOUNDINGS WITH SEVERAL SECONDARY SOURCES, TANZANIAN AND THIRD COUNTRY, CONFIRM THIS ANALYSIS (SEE IN PARTICULAR DAR ES SALAAM 1999). DAVID WILLIAMS, VOA CORRESPONDENT WHO COVERED MOGADISCIO OAU CONFERENCE, COMMENTED TO US THAT MACHEL AND DOS SANTOS WERE CONSTANTLY TOGETHER AND EXHIBITED NO OUTWARD SIGN OF DISUNITY. AT SAME TIME, WILLIAMS HAD ALSO HEARD RUMORS OF DIVISIONS IN FRELIMO. THIS EMBASSY CONCLUDES, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING, THAT REPORTS OF SPLITS IN FRELIMO LEADERSHIP ARE BASED ON COMBINATION OF MISUNDERSTANDING OF PERSONALITY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO TOP FRELIMO LEADERS AND WISHFUL THINKING IN COREMO OR OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS.

4. WHETHER PRESENT APPARENT UNITY OF FRELIMO LEADERSHIP WILL CONTINUE, HOWEVER, IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT. ON ONE HAND, PRESSURES CONCERNING TACTICS IN DEALING WITH PORTUGUESE ARE BOUND TO INCREASE. ON OTHER HAND, FRELIMO HAS WEATHERED DIFFICULT STORMS OVER PAST 10 YEARS, E.G. DEFECTIONS OF KEY PERSONNEL AND ASSASSINATION OF ITS FIRST PRESIDENT. IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY, WITH SUCCESS APPARENTLY AROUND THE CORNER, THAT LEADERSHIP DISUNITY WILL SERIOUSLY DISRUPT 10 YEARS OF HARD WORK.
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